

Dear Friends:

This month several public school leaders have been recognized for their contributions and service to public education.

Dr. Jimmy Littlefield, superintendent in [Spartanburg School District One](#), was named the South Carolina School Administrators (SCASA) Superintendent of the Year. Jimmy has been an educator for 39 years. Under his leadership, Spartanburg One was one of the first four school districts in the state – one of 150 in the country – to receive district accreditation status. Jimmy has served on the executive board of the South Carolina High School League and will represent the state in the National Superintendent of the Year competition.

Dr. Jim Ray, superintendent in [Spartanburg School District Three](#), was named the 2008 Outstanding School Superintendent of the Year by the Career and Technology Education Administrators' Division of South Carolina. He formerly served as a deputy superintendent in the South Carolina Department of Education and oversaw creation of a statewide strategic plan for career and technology education. Jim has also been honored by the Association of School Administrators, the School Counselors Association, and the Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development.

Three other school leaders have been named 2008 William B. Harley Administrators of the Year by SCASA and the R. L. Bryan Company.

Dr. Terry Pruitt, superintendent of [Hampton School District One](#), began his career as a band director in Bamberg District One. He then rose through the ranks as an assistant principal and principal in Hampton District One. His schools and district have received accolades as Palmetto Gold and Silver, Red Carpet winners, Education Oversight Committee Showcase schools, and have been noted for their outstanding academic performance.

Dr. Celestine Pringle, assistant superintendent of [Georgetown County Schools](#), began her career as an English and Spanish Teacher at Choppee High School. She also worked as vice-principal, director of adult and community education, principal, and director of student support services for Georgetown County Schools. She has served as president of SCASA's Allied Division and on the Summer Leadership Institute committee.

Charlene N. Herring, chief academic officer of [Richland School District Two](#), has served as a teacher in Darlington, Sumter, and Fairfield County Schools, and later in Richland One and Two. Her administrative career in Richland Two has included roles as curriculum coordinator, principal, and director of curriculum and special projects. She has served as president of the South Carolina Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development and as a SCASA workshop presenter and Palmetto Finest site visitor.

I congratulate these outstanding school district leaders on these prestigious awards. They and their colleagues across the state demonstrate every day that by working together, we can create schools that are second to none.

Sincerely,

Jim Rex
State Superintendent of Education

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